

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1, 3, 8 and 10 have been canceled. As claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 15 and 19 have previously been canceled, thus claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, and 16-18 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating in item 2 that claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 16-18 are allowed.

**Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ker, et al., USPN 6,566,715.**

Since claims 1 and 3 have been canceled, the rejections thereto are now moot.

**Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee, et al., USPN 6,097,066.**

Since claim 1 has been canceled, the rejection thereto is now moot.

**Claims 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ker, et al., USPN 6,566,715.**

Since claims 8 and 10 have been canceled, the rejections thereto are now moot.

**Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee, et al.,  
USPN 6,097,066.**

Since claim 8 has been canceled, the rejection thereto is now moot.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the present claims.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2394.

Respectfully submitted,

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